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## "NIGHT RIDERS"

### Visit Hopkinsville and Burn Three Tobacco Warehouses and Contents

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 7.—Five hundred "night riders," masked and heavily armed, marched into Hopkinsville about 2 o'clock this morning and laid waste property valued at over \$200,000. Three big warehouses and contents were fired and permitted to burn, while the I. C. depot, and the L. & N. depot and the several banks were pretty well shot up.

The "night riders" came silently and had control of the town before their presence was even suspected. Then while the citizens of the largest town, in terror of their lives, feared to even so much as open their windows, and the police, fire department, telephone and telegraph offices and even the railway stations were in possession of a wild mob, shooting right and left, the flames from burning buildings lighted up the city and the surrounding country until it seemed that the whole town was ablaze.

Windows in the front of business houses and banks on the main street of the city were shot out and the entire front of one newspaper, the Kentuckian, which had been especially severe in its condemnation of the raids of the "night riders," was demolished.

Fortunately only two men were injured, one of them being Rinday Mitchell, a tobacco buyer, who was severely beaten with switches and clubs and the other a brakeman, who was shot in the back while trying to remove his train from the path of the flames.

Later—The warehouses destroyed were those of W. H. Tandy, an independent buyer, R. M. Wooldridge, association warehouse, adjoining Tandy's and Tandy & Farley, Regie buyers. Marching through the streets shooting and shouting the raiders shot through the plate glass windows of the Commercial Bank and Savings company, the First National, the Planters' Trust company and the Bank of Hopkinsville.

Coming to the Hopkinsville Kentuckian, owned by Mayor Meacham, which had been strong against the night riders, they ended their wrath by literally riddling the place, firing hundreds of shots through it.

Going to the home of Lindsay Mitchell, an independent buyer, they forced him from his bed dragging him to the main portion of the town whipped him with clubs and switches.

The L. & N. trainmen, trying to

move freight out of danger, were fired on, one named Delph was wounded.

Three alarms of fire were sent in, but the raiders were guarding the houses and they were afraid to answer.

It is estimated that 10,000 shots were fired.

The citizens were terror-stricken and kept indoors.

After seeing their work done, the raiders left town at dawn.

Major Bassett summoned what militia he could, and started in pursuit of the raiders, but none have been captured.

It is thought there was insurance of about \$50,000 on the property destroyed.

A squad under Deputy Sheriff L. C. Cravens encountered a number of the "riders" a few miles from town early this morning and kept up a running fight with them for several miles, shots being exchanged. None of the "riders" were captured.

The operators of the telephone companies were called out of the buildings and held under guard by armed men in the chilly air. Night Operator McDevitt, of the Illinois Central, was the first to see the "riders." He was on duty when he looked into the muzzle of half a dozen revolvers and was warned to send nothing out on penalty of death.

Miss Maude Brown, a telephone operator, sent in a fire alarm when the first flames broke out.

Nearly every house in the business section of the town has bullet marks somewhere. Fully 2,000 bullets struck the office of the county judge in the court house.

Six bullets passed through the home of Rev. George Means, the Methodist pastor, narrowly missing members of his family.

Delph, the wounded brakeman, was struck by several buck shot and it is thought to be fatally hurt.

Mayor Meacham, who lives a short distance from town, rushed in at the first alarm and was just in time to see the raiders leaving.

A federal question will be raised by the destruction of the Italian Regie tobacco.

After being permitted to leave the houses the firemen had great difficulty in checking the flames.

Damage of \$2,000 from broken glass may be added to the losses by fire.

### The Picture Show.

The moving picture show continues to give entertainments at the opera house, and the shows are pronounced by those who have seen them to be equal to any given elsewhere. The films used are the same as those used in the large cities and the man in charge of the machine gets just as good results. Marion capital is invested in this enterprise and it should be more liberally patronized.

## Caleb Stone Reported Seriously Ill.

Councilman Geo. W. Stone received a telegram from S. R. Boyd, of Ponioma, California, last Thursday afternoon informing him of the serious and sudden illness of his father Caleb Stone who left here only a few weeks ago in fine health and spirits to spend the winter with S. R. Boyd and family in Southern California.

He left on the first train for Ponioma at which place he was due to arrive Monday, it taking near four days to make the trip from Marion to that place.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Geo. W. Stone received a message from her husband informing her of his father's complaint, it being pneumonia in both lungs, but it did not state his condition.

### Buys the Frank Glenn Farm.

Our old friend, Dan Riley, formerly of View, later of Hereford, Texas, still later of Oklahoma, has ceased his wanderings and returned to old Kentucky to reside. Last week he closed a deal with Mrs. Susan Glenn of this city for her fine farm near Caldwell Springs on the Fredonia and Dycusburg road.

The farm is one of the best improved in this section and contains 227 acres. It brought Mrs. Glenn over \$4,000 which is considered by parties familiar with the place as a low price. We congratulate Mr. Riley on his good fortune and hope he and his good family will reside with us now. Their many friends will give them a hearty welcome we are sure.

### Mrs. Robert Coffield Dead.

News reached the city yesterday, by letter to relatives here of the death Tuesday, Dec. 3, of Mrs. Mary Henry Coffield the wife of Robert Coffield. Her death occurred at their home in South McAlester, I. T. Mrs. Coffield was well known here where much of her life was spent and being a cousin of Mrs. J. W. Blue, Mrs. H. K. Woods and Miss Nelle Walker and her sisters, Mrs. Jesse Olive, Mrs. D. B. Moore and Mrs. E. H. Doss.

She was a Miss Everson before her marriage to Robt. Coffield. Her mother was a sister of R. N. and J. H. Walker deceased, and of Mrs. M. H. Jones, of this county.

Mrs. Coffield was a Christian Scientist in belief and was known far and near as a divine healer of great power. Her subjects came from all parts of the union to her for relief and many wonderful cures are credited to her.

Her husband, the venerable Robt. Coffield, was for many years the postmaster here and also proprietor of the Coffield Hotel here and was always a popular, highly respected and much loved citizen. His friends here with one accord sympathize with him.

## AWFUL MINE EXPLOSION

### Terrific Discharge Which is Heard For Eight Miles—Buries Miners In Two Great Shafts.

Monogah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Three charred and blackened bodies, lying in the morgue near the entrance to the mine, four men hovering between life and death from awful bruises sustained and deadly gases inhaled, in a temporary hospital, and 380 men imprisoned by tons of coal, rock and debris in the depth of the hills surrounding this town, with chances all against a single one of them being alive, is the most accurate summary obtainable tonight of the results of a mine explosion today which in all probability was attended by greater loss of life than any former disaster in the history of the bituminous coal mining industry of America.

The explosion occurred shortly after 10 o'clock Friday, after a full force of 400 men had gone to work in the two mines affected. These mines are numbers six and eight of the Consolidated Coal company, located on the opposite side of the West Fork river at this place, but merged in their underground working by a heading and on the surface by a steel trestle and bridge.

The finding of the three corpses and four badly injured men is the only reward for the strenuous and interrupted work on the part of the rescuing forces today. The four living men are unable to give any detailed report of the disaster or to even say how they reached the surface. They state that immediately back of them, when they began their struggle for liberty, there was a large number of men engaged in a similar struggle, while still further back in the workings was a larger number of whom they knew nothing.

It is the opinion of those familiar with the mines that these seven men had not penetrated the mine as far as had the majority of the day shift when the explosion occurred, and that they headed for and reached the main entrance before the heavy cave in that now blockades the entrance more than a few hundred feet beyond the main opening of mine No. 6.

As to the miners referred to by the rescued men as having been alive when last seen, it is believed that they were caught back of a heavy cave-in of coal in the mine roof and could not have survived more than a few minutes in the deadly gases with which the entry was filled as soon as the ventilating system was interrupted. There is more hope for those in the remote sections of the mine, as they may have reached the workings where fresh air is supplied by other

openings. But at the best only the most slender hope is entertained for the survival of any of the men in the mine until the debris can be cleared away and communications with outsiders established.

The general opinion is that the number of men in the mine will reach 400, and some believe that this number will be exceeded, while others think the number will be smaller. The most conservative estimate places the number of victims at 300 or more.

### W. O. W. Elect Officers.

Rosewood Camp, No. 22, W. O. W., met in regular session Monday night, Dec. 9, 1907, and the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing term:

Wm. H. Clark, Consul Com.  
Gray Rochester, Adv. Lieut.  
Robt. E. Wilborn, Banker.  
S. H. Ramage, Clerk.  
J. Frank Dodge, Escort.  
Hodge Fritts, Watchman.  
Jno. W. Wilson, Sentry.  
Rev. W. T. Oakley, Chaplain.  
Dr. Walter Travis, Camp Physician.

Jas. H. Orme, Member Board of Managers.

A large number of members were in attendance and an interesting meeting was had.

The annual banquet will be held on the evening of Dec. 31, 1907, Mr. Stegar tendered to the committee in charge the use of the large store room in his building, in which to hold the banquet, free of charge.

T. H. Cochran & Co. have very generously tendered the use of a range, also without cost, for cooking for the occasion.

Also the Marion Electric Light & Ice Co., will see to it that the banquet hall is brilliantly lighted, and will make no charge for this service.

The committee in charge has an excellent menu prepared and each member is looking forward with eager expectations to this event. There are about 120 members and ample preparation will be made for the entertainment of each Woodman and his wife, mother, sister or sweetheart.

The Marion Silver Cornet Band and "Jim's" string band will furnish music at intervals during the evening.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thus publicly express our sincere thanks to the people of Salem for their constant help and sympathy to us through our dear mother's protracted sickness and suffering.

May the God of all goodness and mercy bless and reward you all.

FLETA BARNES,  
MRS. M. D. RONEY,  
MRS. R. A. LARUE.

## Celebrated Ninety-First Birthday.

Last Thursday December fifth, Uncle Harvey Travis celebrated his ninety first birthday. As usual the relatives went from near and far with well filled baskets and spent the day with uncle Harvey. Every year for the past sixteen years, the Travis family have had a re-union at home of this, the oldest member of this splendid family.

There were over one hundred visitors that attended this re-union, there being children, grand-children, and great-grand-children among them.

Uncle Harvey has always been a hale old man until recently his health has been failing and he is very weak. May he see at least a few more birth days, enough to round the hundred mark.

### Deboe-McCord.

Mr. Spurlin McCord formerly of this place, and Miss Lillie Deboe, of Crayne, were married last Thursday in Elizabethtown, Ill.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. D. W. Deboe and is a very attractive young woman.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. J. N. Towery and is a deserving young man. He is the manager of the Home Telephone exchange at Benton, Ky.

The happy young couple left Friday for Benton, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends.

### Kemp-Drennan.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Geo. D. Kemp, near Iron Hill, Miss Annie Kemp was united in marriage to Benjamin Drennan of the same vicinity. Elder R. A. LaRue officiating.

The bride is one of the brightest and prettiest girls in the county and has friends by the score which she has won by her winsome manner and sweet disposition.

Mr. Drennan who is the son of Bid Drennan, is a young farmer of sterling qualities, is certainly to be congratulated.

The young couple will go to house-keeping at the Phil Deboe farm which is their property and they start with the good wishes of everybody.

### Elect Officers.

Friday night, Dec. 6, Blackwell Lodge No. 57, K. of P., met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

C. C. Taylor, C. C.  
John W. Wilson, V. C.  
Geo. M. Crider, Prelate.  
C. W. Haynes, K. R. S.  
J. B. Sedberry, M. F.  
Gus Taylor, M. E.  
R. L. Flanary, M. A.  
J. F. Dodge, Master of Work.

# SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

Orme's Crystal Palace Drug Store.

## Our Holiday Goods Are Now On Display!

We have visited all the best markets in the country and at each place had the good pleasure to meet jolly old Kris Kringle himself, who, with his usual kindness and good humor assisted us in selecting

The Greatest Stock of Holiday Goods Ever Brought to Marion.

We have something for each little boy and each little girl, and Old Santa, bless his old heart, selected something too for each big boy and big girl, also mama and papa and grandmother and grandfather. So that no one was forgotten.

We invite everyone to come and see the beautiful things we have brought on. Now is the time to make selections before the choicest things are taken. Our prices are right.

Main Street.

ORME'S DRUG STORE.

Marion, Ky.

Kidneys are of great importance. Cure will be given by J. H. Orme.